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Pit. He advised that [REDACTED] was coordinating rumor control from the Tri Towers, and was also at the shooting incident on Monday, May 4, 1970.

[REDACTED] advised that a group of three students reported to [REDACTED] that they could testify to the fact that ALLISON KRAUSE had a weapon in her possession at the time of the shooting, May 4, 1970.

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[redacted] furnished the following information:

He is in his Junior year at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio.

At approximately 6:00 PM, May 2, 1970, he parked his motorcycle in the motorcycle parking lot, which is located on the KSU campus near the ROTC building. [redacted] noticed no congregation at the building at that time.

After having dinner at the college cafeteria, [redacted] and his roommate, [redacted] attended a concert at Tri-Towers, a dormitory complex on the campus. Later that evening [redacted] heard that there had been trouble at the ROTC building but he had no personal knowledge of same.

About noon the following day, [redacted] parked his motorcycle at his dormitory and observed another motorcycle parked nearby with the gas tank top missing. The owner of this motorcycle, name unknown, told [redacted] that while parked in the motorcycle parking lot the night before, someone removed the cap and stole some gas. [redacted] does not have a lock on his gas tank, but stated that due to the shape of the tank it is extremely difficult to siphon gas therefrom and he does not think his gas tank was tampered with.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning damage to the ROTC building.

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[redacted] advised that he is a Senior at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, and is a campus resident of Johnson Hall.

On Saturday, May 2, 1970, [redacted] said he was working at the Desk in Johnson Hall and two individuals having long hair and dressed in dark clothing came in and said to him, "Pass the word there is going to be a rally at 8:00 p.m. on the Commons, the National Guard is in town." [redacted] said he later learned that the ROTC units were returning to campus from field problems or some other activity dressed in fatigues, and were thought to be National Guardsmen.

He said that at approximately 8:30 p.m., a group of approximately 200 or 300 people gathered near the ROTC Building. A number of individuals were not participating in any activities but merely watching the activities. [redacted] said he walked into the crowd gathered near the ROTC Building and saw someone light a piece of cloth and throw it into the building. Someone later indicated the cloth had been dipped in gasoline before it was lighted. He observed an older individual, having short grey hair, at the ROTC Building and this individual was wearing a sport jacket with a blue arm band. A few people in the group were throwing rocks at the ROTC Building and others in the crowd were cheering each time a window broke. [redacted] said there seemed to be five to ten individuals urging the crowd to action and about thirty or so were adding emphasis to these suggestions. He observed some of these individuals to be wearing red arm bands. There was one male Caucasian with long brown hair, wearing a brightly colored cloth headband who took an American Flag and set it on fire. The man walked forward from the group holding the Flag and then he, [redacted] took a picture of this individual holding the burning flag. The man continued walking toward the ROTC Building.

[redacted] said that a person walking by him hit his arm in an apparent attempt to knock the camera out of his hand. Someone in the crowd yelled either, "Get the camera," or "Get the guy with the camera" and persons from all sides started hitting him. [redacted] said he crouched down and held onto

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the camera and the group knocked him to the ground. They continued beating him and one individual tried to pull the camera away. A "hippie type" girl knelt in front of him and told the group to stop hitting him. He started to get up and the girl told him not to. She said that they had to have the film because they could go to jail if identified. He told that the camera also contained pictures of his best friend's wedding and wanted to keep it. The girl then said something to the effect that they won't let you go with the film.

██████████ said he looked around and could see no one coming to his assistance, and he could not run because the crowd had gathered around him so he surrendered the camera. Someone in the crowd took the film from the camera, a Kodak Instamatic and returned the camera to him. He got to his feet and some members of the crowd asked if he was all right. He observed a couple of "older" individuals in the crowd nearby and assumed they may have been faculty members.

██████████ said he then walked away from the crowd and observed fire trucks coming to the ROTC Building. He went to the hilltop near Johnson Hall as firemen were laying the hose in order to put out the fire. He observed six individuals pull a section of the hose aside and one of the individuals was striking the hose with an object. He then saw water coming from the hose where it was being struck. The police later formed a line between the demonstrators and the ROTC Building and threw gas into the crowd which caused it to disperse.

██████████ said he went into his dormitory when the tear gas spread and came out about fifteen minutes later and observed a group of the demonstrators tear down a fence near the tennis courts and also burn an equipment shed which was located at the base of Taylor Hill.

██████████ said that someone later indicated to him that individuals wearing white arm bands were student deputy marshals, blue arm bands indicated faculty deputy marshals, and red arm bands were being worn by "radicals." He stated he went back to the area near the ROTC Building where he had been attacked at approximately 8:30 or 9:00 the following morning and found the film pack which had been taken from him. He assumed that the film had been exposed but kept it anyway. The film is presently at the Desk area of Johnson Hall in a top right-hand shelf bearing the name "General Nick".

██████████ stated that on Monday, May 4, 1970, he was walking from class at about 11:50 a.m., and he observed a large group of demonstrators on Taylor Hill chanting and throwing objects at the National Guardsmen. A loudspeaker truck was driving through the area telling the group to disperse and leave the area immediately. Tear gas was fired into the group to get them to disperse.

██████████ said he went to his dormitory, Johnson Hall, where he went to work at the Desk and went outside at one time and observed the National Guardsmen moving up Taylor Hill. He later heard a commotion at the back of Johnson Hall and went out back and observed the National Guardsmen at the top of the hill firing their rifles in the direction of Taylor Hall.

██████████ said that he did not see any students with guns and did not see anyone fire at the Guardsmen. He did not see any of the students who were shot.

██████████ stated that ██████████ a resident of Johnson Hall, whose address is unknown to him, showed him two cartridges which had been fired. ██████████ indicated he had found these cartridges on top of Johnson Hall.

██████████ Ohio, and a resident of Prentice Hall, said she had observed the National Guardsmen from her dormitory and the Guardsmen appeared to have fired into the air.

██████████ stated that on Sunday night, May 3, 1970, he and ██████████ Ohio, were working at the Desk in Johnson Hall. A girl came into Johnson Hall carrying an empty bottle and was going toward the women's toilet. ██████████ confronted her and asked what she was doing. The girl told him it was none of his business and to get out of her way. She then went into the women's toilet. ██████████ said he did not know the girl but ██████████ said her name was ALLISON KRAUSE. They did not see her leave Johnson Hall and assumed she had gone to the toilet to fill the bottle with urine.

██████████ further advised that after the shooting on May 4, 1970, he observed a piece of architecture, consisting of triangular pieces of metal, in the back of Taylor Hall with a bullet hole in it. The hole appears to be made by a

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bullet coming from the direction in which the National Guardsmen were facing at the time the shooting took place.

[REDACTED] further advised that he is not personally acquainted with anyone who took part in the demonstration.

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On May 10, 1970 [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] telephone [redacted] furnished the following information:

He advised that he was born on February 16, 1946 at Cleveland, Ohio, and he is presently a Junior taking an English major at Kent State University (KSU). He advised that he initially attended KSU in January, 1965 and he is presently employed as a truck driver and was attending school and basically is paying his way through college.

He advised that on Saturday, May 2, 1970, between 9:30 and 10:00 PM he went to the Portage Room in the Student Union in order to attend a dance.

He stated the Student Union is located next to the ROTC building which was burned down on May 2, 1970.

He stated as he drove near the Student Union he heard sirens and young people were running around. He stated he assisted in lifting up the barriers at the Student Union in order to permit a fire truck to approach the ROTC building located 30 yards further on.

He stated that at this time the ROTC building was on fire and he noted that the roof of the building had ignited in flames as he arrived on the scene.

He stated that the National Guardsmen present were throwing tear gas in order to disperse the students.

He advised that his friend, [redacted], using his, [redacted] 8 mm. camera, exposed about 35 feet of film of the burning ROTC building. He stated that due to the fact the film was colored film, about the only thing that can be clearly seen were the flames of the fire.

He advised that about 9:30 PM he observed 7-10 young men, all white, except one boy, who was a Negro, throwing rocks at the east side of Lowry Hall. He stated

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he saw one boy throwing a brick through a screen and window on the east side of Lowry Hall.

He advised that all the boys that he saw were carrying clubs as was the Negro boy. He described this Negro male as about 20, 6'1", 170 pounds, and wearing a dark beret.

He advised that these boys were "in a highly emotional state", and stated he did not know if they had been using any drugs, but it could have been that they were just "emotionally keyed up".

He stated that he was just sick and tired of the fact that such a small student minority at KSU had been causing so much trouble, and he was unhappy because the majority of the students have remained silent during this time.

He stated when he saw the boy throwing a brick through the window, he went after him and a fight ensued and the group, all of whom had clubs, began to use them. He advised that he was hit in the left hip with a club and pulled up his shirt and displayed a black and blue mark on his left hip approximately two inches, in length and egg-shaped.

He advised that one of the men with a club tried to hit him on the head while he was engaged in fighting with his opponent, however, one of his friends, a wrestler, grabbed him and threw him to the ground.

He stated he felt he might be able to identify some of these boys all of whom were the "hippie" type with long hair and wearing bands on the forehead.

He advised that he noted on the afternoon of Sunday, May 3, 1970, the KSU campus, which always had been well-maintained, had many bricks and stones laying around the grassy area from prior incidents.

He advised that on Sunday evening, National Guardsmen at Main and Lincoln in Kent, Ohio, gassed some students in order to disperse them.

He stated that at that time, he was accompanied by [REDACTED] and two other girls who reside in the Greymore House located at the corner of Main and Sherman in Kent. He stated [REDACTED] called to his attention the fact that one boy who was walking past was openly wearing a holstered gun. He was unable to adequately describe this weapon. He stated the boy who was wearing it was a white male and under 25, and the boy had long hair and was accompanied by another youth. He stated he readily observed the holstered gun on the first boy's hip, and the girls and others who accompanied him said that the other boy was also wearing a gun, but he did not observe this.

He advised that he personally does not know by sight the more active "campus radicals".

He stated however, that in the five years that he has been on the campus, he has "watched organizations opposing the war grow until they encompass groups that oppose society as a whole." He further stated "JERRY RUBIN was permitted on the campus about two weeks before the shooting. Demonstrators switched from peaceful protest to disruptive protest, even walking into classes and the administration continued to treat them as peaceful demonstrators and provide them with amnesty or social probation which means nothing".

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[REDACTED], Akron, Ohio, voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Akron, Ohio
May 10, 1970
1:50 PM

"I, [REDACTED], furnish the following information to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am furnishing this information voluntarily and no promises or threats have been made and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me. I understand that this statement could be used in a court of law.

"I am twenty-one years of age and reside at [REDACTED] Akron, Ohio. I am a Junior at Kent State University.

"On Saturday, May 2, 1970, I heard from various students at Kent State that a rally was to be held on the commons at Kent State on this date at eight o'clock PM. I did not know the purpose of the rally or who was sponsoring this rally. I had planned to attend the rally but I arrived late at eight fifteen PM. As I was walking across the campus with [REDACTED] of Twin Lakes, Ohio to Tri-Towers on the campus I observed a group of students walking toward the ROTC building. I saw members of the group throwing some rocks at the windows of the building and a lighted flare which landed on the roof of the building. The flare rolled off of the roof without starting a fire. I remained until I saw fire trucks arrive to put out a small fire which I had noticed inside the building. After the fireman had attached hoses to put out the fire, I noticed some students standing near

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"the fire hoses and water spurting from the hose vertically. [redacted] and I then left this area and we walked around Stoper Hall. I sat on the steps of the building and did not watch any more of the activity. [redacted] continued to watch the event for a few minutes. At approximately 8:45 PM we walked off the campus and did not return until approximately 11:30 PM. We then saw the ROTC building completely engulfed in flames. There were about twenty students observing the fire and some National Guardsmen headed toward Betsy and me. When the Guardsmen approached us we ran into a dormitory building called Terrace Hall. We then walked to Tri-Towers and remained there until it was announced that we had 45 minutes to leave the campus. We left the campus at about 12:45 AM without observing any further events. I did not recognize any of the individuals whom I had previously seen throwing rocks at the ROTC building or standing around the fire hoses, and I can furnish no information concerning them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and 3 other pages. It is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed the other pages and any corrections made therein.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witnesses:

"/s/ [redacted]

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970

"/s/ [redacted]

Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Buffalo, NY, May 10, 1970

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[redacted] who is a sophomore whose college address is [redacted] Humphrey Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio and whose home address is [redacted] Ohio furnished the following information:

[redacted] and she were at Engleman Hall on May 2, 1970 and observed a crowd of persons at the ROTC Building which was about 150 yards from them. They were in back of the crowd at the ROTC building. She saw members of the crowd ignite several red safety flares. She saw the red flares being thrown at the ROTC building. She saw one flare thrown in a window of the building. She cannot identify any of the people in the crowd around the ROTC building. She did not recognize any as students of Kent State University. She described the crowd as very large and all white. She said she had no additional information concerning the burning of the ROTC building and did not know the names of any who were involved.

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[REDACTED] Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is over 21 years of age and is an undergraduate student (junior) at Kent State University (KSU), Kent, Ohio, his college address being 133 Musselman Hall, KSU.

He recalled that around 9:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 1970, he had been in the company of two other KSU students [REDACTED] in the vicinity of Engleman Hall, KSU, as part of a crowd of people who were watching the burning of East Hall, which housed the ROTC on the KSU campus, and is located about 150 yards from where they were observing the fire.

[REDACTED] said that he observed individuals in the immediate vicinity of East Hall hurling lighted road flares at or into East Hall. He said they appeared to be railroad or highway safety flares. He saw no other burning material being thrown at the building. He was too far away to recognize or describe any of the persons who were standing about East Hall or throwing the flares. The only thing he noticed was that all of them appeared to be members of the white race. He saw no motorcycles in the vicinity. He did not state whether any of the persons he saw in the vicinity of East Hall at above time were students at KSU.

[REDACTED] has no pictures of above incident and knows of no one who has. He was unable to recall any other information pertaining to the burning of the above building. He has heard no allegations as to the identities of any of the persons involved in the above burning.

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[REDACTED]
Ohio, address while attending school [REDACTED] Kent, Ohio, was interviewed and voluntarily furnished the following signed statement:

"Place: Kent, Ohio
Date: May 10, 1970

"I, [REDACTED] hereby furnish the following free and voluntary statements to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the FBI. I was born Jan. 20, 1946 at [REDACTED] Ohio. I am a graduate student in business administration at Kent State University.

"I was present Saturday nite, May 2, to see the ROTC building burn. I have no information, however, concerning how the fire started or who started it.

"Sunday night, May 3, I co-operated along with three other members of the K.S.U. Vet's Association, in acting as a communication liaison for the university police. I was normally in the crowd observing what I could. The crowd gathered on the commons first while several individuals rang the bell to get the crowd centralized and get their attention. Those in the center then stood on the platform supporting the bell and attempted to incite or arouse the thousand or more then gathered.

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It appeared at this time that no common objective was evident, as those standing on the bell housing shouted "let's do something" and "what do you want to do"? Suggestions were yelled to: (1) proceed to President White's lawn (2) burn the ROTC supply depot.

"The crowd did not appear unified nor did the leadership appear cohesive, at this point they could not decide where to go or what to do. They decided then to walk around campus and regroup latter. They milled around as a group of probably 1000 or more and chanted for approximately an hour. They arrived at the corner of Main and Lincoln and several began marching down main street toward town. This was in violation of the curfew. A small explosion was heard and all but approximately 200 of the group dispersed. The remaining 200 sat in the street and were surrounded by the national guard. I then left the scene.

"I am unable to identify by name any of the persons involved, or leaders.

"The above two and one half page statement is in my own handwriting and is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ [REDACTED]

"Witnessed:

[REDACTED], SA, FBI,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

[REDACTED] SA, FBI,
Pittsburgh, Pa. 5-16-70

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The following physical description was obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	170
Age	24
Date of Birth	January 20, 1946
Place of Birth	[REDACTED] Ohio
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Blue
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Service Number	Navy Serial Number [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Ohio, furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that he is a [REDACTED] Kent and he is living at the above address with one [REDACTED]. He advised that at approximately 8:10 p.m., 5/12/70, he and his wife went to the Commons at Kent State University (KSU) where they had been told by [REDACTED] that a rally was to be held to protest the war in Vietnam. When they arrived at the Commons, no one was there. An unknown individual on the scene told them that the individuals in the rally had moved to Tri-Towers to gather support. They went to Tri-Towers, parked the car, and joined the throng of demonstrators at Tri-Towers. The demonstrators moved to the campus Commons again about 8:40 p.m. when they first got to the Commons, the demonstrators milled around. The only persons recognized by [REDACTED] or his [REDACTED] at this time or any any time during the evening were [REDACTED] and a sociology professor by the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] he could recognize a few faces he had seen in class, but he could not recall who these were well enough to identify them if he were to see them again, and he did not know any of their names.

After milling around for a short time, the crowd started making noises like they were going downtown in Kent. Some of the faculty marshals on the scene wearing blue armbands tried to keep this from occurring. Soon the mob drifted toward the ROTC Building. There did not at this time or any other time to be any leaders of the mob and the actions of the mob appeared to happen spontaneously. Some individuals started throwing rocks at the ROTC Building. He could hear glass breaking and rocks hitting the building. People would move back and forth throwing rocks and go back into the crowd. At this time there were some 600-700 people at the demonstration. There were also numerous firecrackers being thrown.

A short time later, someone in the crowd did not throw a flare at the ROTC Building. It hit the ground, fell to the ground, and burned. Stones were still being thrown at the building. Twenty minutes or so after the [REDACTED]

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first flare was thrown, another flare was thrown and went in the building. He did not see this flare thrown and did not know who did it. This flare seemed to die out. Shortly thereafter, firemen arrived on the scene. [redacted] went back to the back of the crowd with his wife at this time. The majority of the demonstrators were not close to the action at that time. The students started throwing rocks at the firemen and taking their hoses. The fire looked like it was out and the firemen left. [redacted] at that time moved to an archery shed by the tennis courts. There were numerous rocks thrown at the archery shed and it appeared to simply explode into flames. [redacted] then left the area and saw nothing further.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE SABOTAGE; SEDITION; DESTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT PR CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 - INTERFERENCE WITH FEDERALLY PROTECTED FACILITY	

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J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Section, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., verbally authorized on May 10, 1970, the issuance of a search warrant for the off campus residence of [REDACTED] located at 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. A search warrant was issued on May 10, 1970, by United States Commissioner CLIFFORD E. BRUCE, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, for the above residence authorizing the search for clothing, incendiary materials or other material that could be used for destructive purpose by explosion, thermal or incendiary destruction.

On May 10, 1970, the above search warrant was executed at the premises of 230 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio.

The results of this search, interviews conducted at the time of the search, and other results associated with the search will be set forth in a subsequent report. Evidence seized during the search have been forwarded to the Laboratory Division for examination.

It is noted that additional copies of this report have been designated for the Cleveland Office for review and lead purposes.

Whenever possible, signed statements were obtained from appropriate witnesses.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DATED MAY 13, 1970, AT
CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAPTIONED "UNSUBS;
FIREBOMBING OF ARMY ROTC BUILDING,
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU), KENT,
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IV. BURNING OF THE ROTC BUILDING
D. INTERVIEWS WITH POLICE AND FIREMEN

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Chief FRED MILLER, Kent, Ohio Fire Department, showed interviewing agents his fire and radio logs for May 2, 1970. These indicated that at 8:49 P.M., Kent, Ohio Fire Department, fire number 123 was reported. The fire trucks got to the fire at 8:53 P.M. They left the fire at 9:28 P.M. Chief MILLER furnished at this time a copy of his fire report regarding this fire.

On 5/6/70 at Kent, OhioFile # Cleveland 93-2140by SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]Date dictated 5/7/70

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[redacted] Kent State University Police Department, who resides at [redacted] Ohio, advised that at about 8:00 PM on May 2, 1970, he was ordered to report to the campus of Kent State University where he subsequently took charge of about 20 campus policemen, riot equipped.

He and his men proceeded to East Hall on campus at about 8:40 PM, and he noticed that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire, and that Kent, Ohio firemen were bringing it under control. About 1,000 students were massed in the Commons, and were throwing rocks at both he and his men, and the firemen. The campus police formed a skirmish line between East Hall and the students. The students were shouting: "Fuck the pigs". "Get the pigs off campus". "Burn the fucking building down." "Who's fucking your wife now that you're here."

The rock throwing was organized, and about 50 students at a time would charge forward, throw their rocks, and then regroup. Some of these students had bags slung over their shoulders and were giving out rocks to other students. The campus police department sustained two rock charges and then put on gas masks, and threw about 15 canisters of tear gas into the students. The students dispersed and moved back to an athletic equipment shed across the Commons, which they set on fire, manner unknown.

The firemen had left the scene because of injuries sustained from the rock throwing, and East Hall was still burning with a low flame. Shortly afterward the northwest section of East Hall began blazing and soon the whole building was in flames. The Kent firemen came back and fought the blaze but the building was a total disaster.

The campus police department was again confronted by the students at Furzitt and Portage, in the vicinity of the Heat Plant in the Student Union. The campus police department sustained three rock throwing volleys. About six canisters of tear gas were thrown into

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the crowd which dispersed them.

During the rioting, [redacted] noticed a student carrying on soda pop bottle in each hand, holding each bottle carefully and away from his body.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any information concerning who was responsible for the East Hall fire or the athletic shed fire or the manner in which each of these fires were started.

Although it was too dark for [redacted] to identify any of the participating students, he did recall seeing a student who was wearing a white T-shirt with a "red fist", and SDS emblem on the front and back of the shirt.

[redacted] advised that during the rioting he was hit with projectiles on his chest, back, right leg, and two which struck his helmet.

[redacted] advised that the following men sustained sufficient injuries to necessitate treatment at the University Health Center:

[redacted] who was hit with a rock on his left elbow;

[redacted] who was struck on his testicles, upper thigh, and right shin;

[redacted] who was struck by a projectile on his leg; and,

[redacted] who was hit on his head by a rock.

All were treated and released with the exception of [redacted] who was kept overnight.

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[REDACTED] advised that the following men, all members of the Kent State University Police Department, were on the scene during the burning of East Hall:

First Squad

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Second Squad

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he has been a member of the Kent State University Police Department for approximately 10 years.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer fireman for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He responded to a call at the ROTC Building, Kent State University, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that the truck he was on with its crew of six men approached the fire at the ROTC Building, he was dropped off at the hydrant nearby. The truck then proceeded to the building. As the truck was going to the building, a group of students grabbed the hose he was attaching to the hydrant, and pulled it from the truck and cut it in several places. He therefore, got off the hydrant, and went to the truck, and helped the crew fight the fire. There was a large group of demonstrators in the area, during the time of the fighting of the fire who pelted the firemen with rocks, and clubbed them. They took a hose, and cut another hose. In spite of the harassment the fire was almost out, when they were called to leave by the Chief, however, with the lack of protection they had they had to leave. He himself was hit with numerous rocks. At one point a mob of demonstrators were coming towards him. To protect himself, he turned his hose on the students, kept them off for a time while he was fighting the fire.

[redacted] saw no one make any attempt to light the fire in the ROTC Building. He also saw no one whom he could identify at a later date as being in the area at the time.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio, phone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the Kent, Ohio Fire Department, where he furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a full time fireman for the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he was on duty during the evening of May 2, 1970. Sometime around 8:00 P.M. that evening, his department received a call to a fire at the ROTC Building on the Kent State University, Kent, Ohio Campus. The department sent one truck, a pumper designated Pump Number 1, which he, [redacted] drove. He drove to the north side of the ROTC Building. On the way to the ROTC Building, he dropped off a man at a hydrant on the hill side near the building. This man was to hook up a hose. When the truck stopped at the building, the hose should have stopped too, however, it did not. It kept spinning out as though the truck was still moving. Students were pulling the hose off the truck. In addition to pulling the hose off the truck it had already been cut, so it was useless. [redacted] and five other men were on the truck.

When they got to the ROTC Building, it was on fire, however, the fire was not very big as yet. The south end of the building was burning. The fire could have been out in 15 minutes, had it not been for the harassment by demonstrators nearby. There was a large number of demonstrators in the lawn area on the east side of the ROTC Building.

When it was seen that the hose on the hydrant hooked on the pumper had been cut, the man who hooked up the hose, simply cut it off at the hydrant, and returned to the pumper. They hooked up another hose to the pumper. While in the process of doing this, [redacted] who was the only one nearby at the time, saw one individual throw a flare in to the ROTC Building. This individual was a white male, wearing a goatee, long hair, worn shoulder length, slender build, age 23 to 28, light color shirt, gray pants. [redacted] did not know if he could identify this individual again were he to see him. This individual knocked out the window of the

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ROTC Building, and threw the flare inside. He hollered at this individual, but the individual paid no attention to him. He threw in a second flare. All of the firemen were getting hit by rocks and clubs. After they were there for approximately one hour, the police came, and told them to leave, as they were in too much danger. They saw smoke coming from upstairs window of the building by that time.

[redacted] then drove the truck with all the men out of the area, and back to the fire station. About an hour later, the police called the fire station, and said it was clear. Two trucks went back to the fire to put it out. The second time back, [redacted] saw no students in the area, and there were police all over the place. [redacted] stated that he himself had gotten hit with a rock.

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[redacted], fireman, Kent, Ohio, Fire Department, was shown an album of photographs, but could identify no one in these photographs as being anyone he observed during the burning of the Kent State University (KSU) ROTC Building, May 2, 1970.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and telephone [redacted] was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio.
phone [redacted] was interviewed at the Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] stated that he is a volunteer fireman with the Kent Fire Department. He reported to a fire call on the evening of May 2, 1970, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. The firemen drove to the scene of the fire in a pumper truck. The fire was in the ROTC Building at the Kent State University Campus. When they approached the building they sent one man off the truck to the fire hydrant. They then drove down to the ROTC Building. When they got to the ROTC Building, individuals were jerking hose off the pumper truck. This was the hose that was supposed to be attached to the hydrant. They pulled off some 300 feet of hose, and split in numerous places. Therefore, the person attaching hose to the hydrant, simply cut it off and returned to the truck.

[redacted] advised that they had a one and a half inch hose on the truck, which was hooked up to the water in the pumper. They also hooked another line to a hydrant at the corner of the ROTC Building. When they first arrived at the scene of the fire, the fire was very small. There was just a small amount of smoke at the time.

[redacted] stated that he observed two motorcycles parked on Commons of Kent State University, approximately 50 feet from the ROTC Building. One of these motorcycles had Ohio license 1084J. As they were attempting to put out the fire, three individuals approached the two motorcycles. They slipped the lid off the tank of one of the motorcycles. They dunked rags into the tank, ran back to the windows of the ROTC Building, where the small fire was burning, and threw the rags in. The fire flared up at that time. [redacted] and two other firemen took the hose, which was hooked up from the hydrant, and went toward the window, where these individuals had thrown in the gasoline soaked rags. They were clubbed all over, and the hose was taken away. They did not see the individuals who did the clubbing. Then

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[redacted] returned to the number, and obtained the other hose, which was attached to the water in the number. He decided to go through the building to the scene of the fire. They went into the building through a steel door, and through the fire. During all this time, they were being subjected to a terrific amount of harassment, including the throwing of rocks, and clubs. When they had about gotten to the fire, their Chief called, and told them to load up and get out of there. They had been there approximately one hour at that time. There were six men on the truck, which had gone out at that time. They returned later, and put out the fire, at which time there were no students in evidence.

[redacted] stated that he got a good look at the individuals who threw the rags into the fire. These individuals took the gasoline soaked rags, laid them on the window sills lit them, and dumped them in the window. All three of these persons were white males, with large bushy "Afro" type hairdos.. He thinks these might be the same individuals that hit him and the other two fireman with the clubs. None of them had beards. All three were dressed in hippie type clothing. They could recall nothing further about this. He feels it is possible he would recognize all three individuals.

[redacted] noted that when the hose was taken away from him, after he was clubbed, a group of approximately six individuals with beards, went into the crowd, got the hose, and brought it back. He saw the students using machetes to cut the hose. He could not estimate the number of students who were demonstrators that were there, but the number was very large, 500 to possibly 1,000.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio,
was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio.

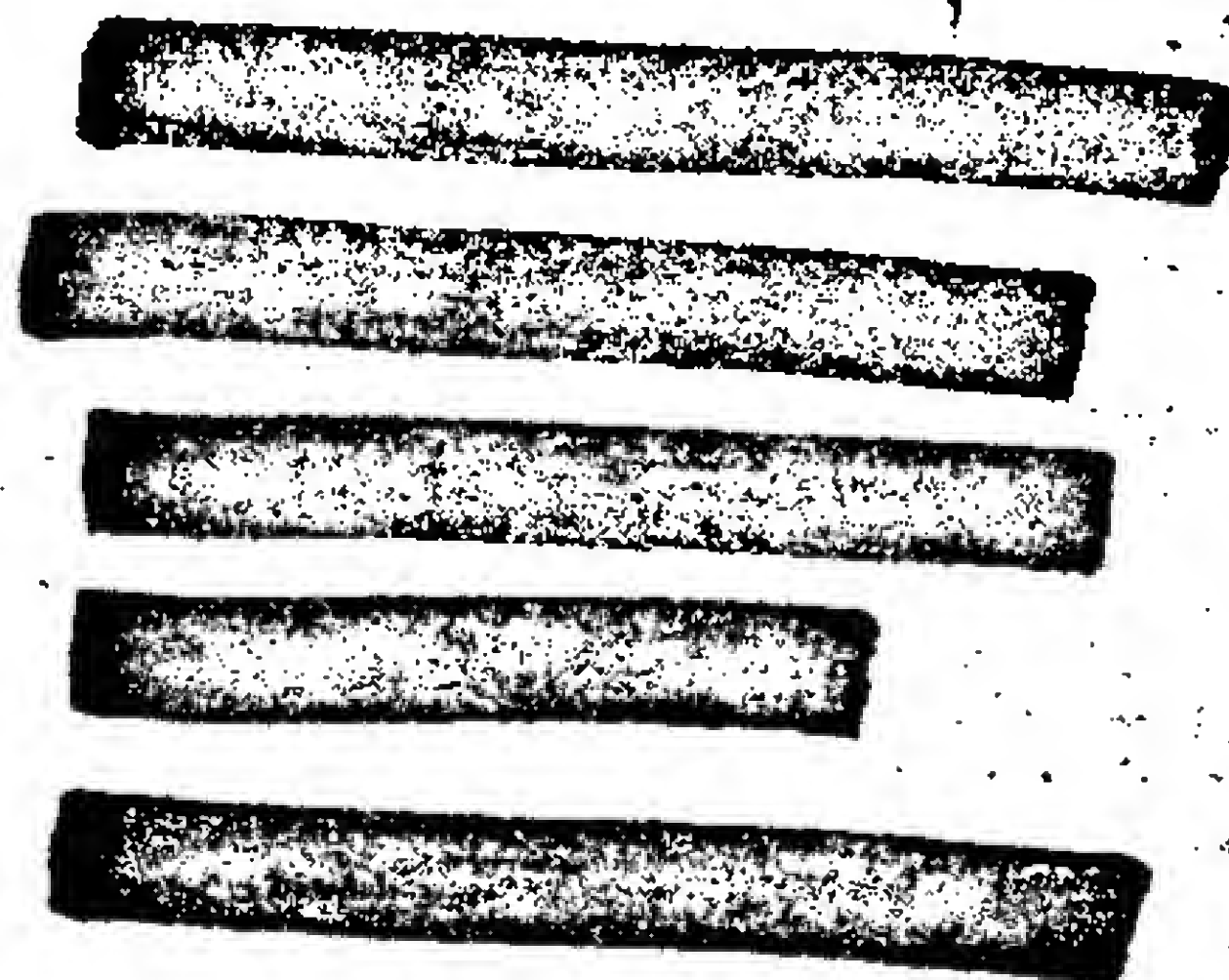
[redacted] advised that he is a volunteer fireman for the Kent, Ohio Police Department. In this connection he reported for a fire, at the Kent State University, ROTC Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. [redacted] advised that when they got to this fire, it was relatively small. He was working with [redacted] taking a hose into one building, when he was clipped, as was [redacted] and the hose they were carrying was taken away. He advised that he then saw three individuals going to two motorcycles parked near the ROTC Building. These three individuals put rags in a gasoline tank of one of the motorcycles, brought them back to the ROTC Building, lit them, and threw them in the window. This caused the fire to flare up considerably. He advised that he can recall one of these individuals very vividly, and is quite sure he could identify this person. He was approximately 5'8" tall, weighing 145 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt, brown bell bottom trousers, a white male, with long sandy bushy hair. He had no beard. He was approximately 26 years of age. [redacted] saw no one else at the scene of the fire, whom he could remember, or identify again. The other two individuals that were with the one he remembered so well, were slightly bigger. None of them were, of what he thought of, as student age. [redacted] would furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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Date 5/13/70

1 [redacted] s, telephone [redacted] a Kent
fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable
to identify any of these individuals as being present on the
of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.



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I [redacted] Kent, Ohio,
phone [redacted], was interviewed at his place of employment,
Kent, Ohio Fire Department.

[redacted] advised that he was one of six individuals on a fire department pumper truck, which responded to a call for a fire, at Kent State University, between 3:00 and 3:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When they got to the fire in the ROTC Building, a huge crowd of demonstrators had gathered around. They were making a great deal of noise. They pulled off and chopped off one hose, which was attached to a hydrant nearby. All the firemen were hit with rocks, and [redacted] was clubbed, and the hose taken away from him. He himself was hit twice by rocks and pieces of cement blocks. He saw no one involved in setting the fire at the ROTC Building. The fire was relatively small when the department got there. It was almost out, when they were forced to leave the scene due to the harassment they were receiving. He is unable to identify anyone among the demonstrators that were on the scene. The fire truck was given escort out of the area by Kent Police Department, and Portage County Sheriff's officers. The National Guard was not there at the time. When the department went back a little later, the students were under control, but the fire was too far out of control to be put out. [redacted] was unable to provide any further information.

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1 [redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and telephone [redacted] was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent, Ohio,
furnished the following information.

[redacted] advised that he was a volunteer fireman with the Kent, Ohio Fire Department. He stated that he responded to a fire call at the Kent State University ROTC Building, between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M. on May 2, 1970. When the fire department arrived at the scene there were large groups of demonstrators around who continually harassed the fire department. They threw rocks, cut hoses, and clubbed other firemen. [redacted] himself, was hit by rocks, once in the arm with the effect that his arm was numbed, and he was unable to use it again. He saw no one at the scene of the fire, setting fire to the ROTC Building. Nor did he see any demonstrators whom he could identify again in any way. He could furnish no further information of value in this matter.

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[redacted] a Kent fireman, was shown the following photographs and was unable to identify any of these individuals as being present on the night of May 2, 1970 at the scene of the ROTC fire.

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[redacted] Kent State University policeman, who resides at [redacted], Kent, Ohio, advised that on May 2, 1970, he was working the 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM shift and had gone home to eat supper, when he was called back to the campus. He joined 16 to 17 other Kent State University policemen, all riot equipped, and then proceeded to the East Hall, (ROTC building), at around 7:30 PM. Upon arriving at East Hall, he noted that the southeast end of East Hall was on fire and that there were several Kent, Ohio, firemen fighting the blaze. Out in the northeast section of the Commons were some 800 to 900 students, chanting and shouting phrases such as "one, two, three, four, we don't want this fucking war", "pigs go home", "Who's fucking the pig's wife now".

While the firemen were working, [redacted] who was in charge of the KSO policemen, ordered the policemen to put on their gas masks, which they did. Rocks started flying toward the policemen from the direction of the students and [redacted] could see and hear his fellow officers being hit. [redacted] was hit in the mid section of the front of his body with a rock, which doubled him over. [redacted] then ordered gas, and [redacted] and a few others ran forward, near the front line of students in the Commons, and through tear gas canisters into the students, which dispersed them for a while. When the policemen turned around to regroup in front of East Hall, [redacted] was hit on his left leg with a thrown brick, which caused him intense pain and which also caused him to limp severely.

The policemen regrouped and then [redacted] noticed that the archery shed across the Commons was on fire. Some of the students were shouting at the policemen to do something about it, but [redacted] apparently sensing it was a diversion, did not attempt to save the archery shed, which burned to the ground.

Shortly afterward, one of the policemen shouted that the East Hall was again on fire and when [redacted] turned around to see, he noted the building was ablaze in several places. [redacted] had thought the Kent firemen had put out the

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